

**The ERC Scientific Council Meets the Spanish Scientific Community,
Looking Ahead to FP10**

Madrid, 14th October 2026

Venue: Ministry for Science, Innovation and Universities (Main auditorium)

Pº de la Castellana, 162, Madrid

16:45-17:00 Arrival and registration

17:00 – 17:15 Welcome and opening:

- Host organisation representative (TBC)
- President of the ERC
- Director of the AEI

17:15-18:15 Round Table 1: ERC-Grantees session, their vision and insights on the future of the ERC.

Moderated by **Nicola Spaldin**, Vice-President of ERC

Speakers:

- **Daniel García González** (Associate Professor, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
- **Rebekah Clements** (ICREA Research Professor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- **Emma Motrico** (Tenured Professor, Universidad de Sevilla; Principal Investigator, Perinatal IBiS Lab, Instituto de Biomedicina de Sevilla)
- **María Jesús Vicent** (Cancer Programme Coordinator and Head of the Polymer Therapeutics Laboratory, Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe)
- **María Ximena Senatore** (Deputy Scientific Director and Associate Professor, Instituto de Ciencias del Patrimonio, CSIC)
- **Igor García Irastorza** (Professor and Director, Center for Astroparticles and High Energy Physics, Universidad de Zaragoza)

18:15-19:15 Round Table 2: Policy vision on excellent science towards FP10: main challenges and priorities.

Moderated by **José Fernández de Labastida**, Director General of AEI

Speakers:

- **Andreu Mas-Colell** (ERC Former Secretary General and member of the Rhine Group)
- **Nuria Montserrat** (Minister for Science and Universities, Government of Catalonia)
- **Maria Leptin** (ERC President)
- **David González** (Spanish Coord Counsellor for R&I at the Spanish Perm Rep to the EU)
- **Eloisa del Pino** (President of CSIC)
- **Joan Guàrdia Olmos** (Chair of the CRUE R&I Sectoral Commission and Rector of Barcelona University)

19:05-19:15 Wrap-up and main conclusions